SEPTEMBER

at the

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATE: Wednesday evening, September 18
TIME: 8:00 p.m. (one showing only)
PLACE: May Treat Morrison Auditorium
SUBJECT: "FORGOTTEN PENINSULA"

The Academy's interest and involvement with Baja California is an established fact. In keeping and in order to illumine further the unique qualities of this 800 mile-long peninsula we are pleased to present this hour-long documentary film in color, produced by the National Broadcasting Company (with assistance from the Academy), with narration by (and starring) Dr. Joseph Wood Krutch.

"Forgotten Peninsula" explores many parts of this starkly beautiful place. The deserted villages, the bold headlands, the blue waters, the ruggedly handsome mountains, the quiet deserts — areas, for the most part, where time has stood still and where the adjective "tranquil" truly applies. Thousands of birds, a myriad of fishes, plants not to be seen anywhere else, leaping porpoises (one school is approximately a half-mile long) are captured in aerial, land and sea shots of a country which has remained much the same as it was when Cortez sailed into the bay at La Paz.

Professor Krutch, distinguished naturalist, essayist, critic, is equally at home with Shakespeare or a cactus. He was especially pleased when a critic affectionately referred to him as "that well-known desert rat."

To repeat: One showing only at 8:00 with attendance on a "first-come first-served" basis. Your 1968 membership card is your admission. If all seats are filled, late-comers will be invited to enjoy the current sky show in Morrison Planetarium.

MORRISON PLANETARIUM

"From the Brink of Space" continues through Labor Day, September 2d. Beginning September 6: "ASTROLOGY: QUEEN OF SCIENCE". Thousands of years ago men gazed at the stars and planets and began to think of them as having godlike qualities. The theory of celestial influence became one of the first of the sciences and the "mother of astronomy". Today, astrology has millions of followers and even more attackers. This controversial subject with its history, drama, possibilities and failings is an all-new one for the Theatre of the Stars. Continues through November 3.

Performances daily at 2:00 with extra matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at 3:30. Evening shows, Wednesday through Sunday, at 8:30. Closed on Monday and Tuesday nights. Admission: Adults, $1.00. Students under 16, Armed Services personnel, and students (with card), 50c.

MORRISON AUDITORIUM

"THE SEA OF CORTEZ", an hour-long documentary film dealing with the Gulf of California, is shown on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:45, 2:15 and 3:45 p.m. Last performance on Sunday, September 29. Admission is the same as that for Morrison Planetarium.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

"A WALK THROUGH THE REDWOODS", because of its strong appeal, will continue to be on exhibit in Lovell White Hall of Man and Nature. These color photographs by Mr. Howard King are superlative.

From the Academy Collections: "TWO ODDITIES FROM DOWN UNDER (Kiwi and duck-billed platypus)". Main Foyer, Science Museum. Continues through September.

BLANCHE CLEAR

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With dauntless, unflagging spirit, she brought a cheerful talent and personal warmth to the Department of Botany. Her love of the world and all things in it was wonderfully inclusive. Not soon shall we witness her likes again.

NEWS and NOTES . . . . . .

THIS YEAR, why don't you seriously consider enrolling in one of the three courses in astronomy being offered by the staff of Morrison Planetarium? You've intended to so why not now?

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION. Tuesday evenings, September 10 through January 7, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The principles of celestial navigation, how to chart a position on the high seas by using the stars, planets, sun and moon. Instructor: Captain David W. Todd, U.S.N. (Ret.). Enrollment $30.00 plus approximately $12.00 for supplies. Registration at the first three meetings.

MODERN ASTRONOMY. Tuesday evenings, September 24 through December 17, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. A brand-new course for the layman exploring the frontiers of modern astronomy including relativity, the origin of the universe, life on other worlds, etc. Instructor: Michael A. Bennett. Enrollment: $20.00. Registration at the first three meetings.

ASTRONOMY FOR FUN. Monday evenings, September 23 through November 25, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This will acquaint you with the where, when, why and how of observing the heavens with the naked eye or a small telescope. Instructor: Captain Robert D. Risser, U.S.N. (Ret.). Enrollment, $16.00. Registration at the first three meetings.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The nominating committee selected by the Trustees in accordance with the By-Laws of the California Academy of Sciences has recommended the following names for election as Trustees at the next Annual Meeting scheduled for October 2, 1968:

Mr. Kenneth K. Bechtel
Mr. Christian deGuigne III
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Additional nominations may be made to the Secretary in writing by ten or more Corporate Members on or before September 15. If no such additional nomination shall be made the nominations shall be deemed closed, and at the following annual meeting of the Academy the Secretary shall cast the unanimous ballot of the Corporate Members for the ticket reported by the nominating committee.

CURATOR OF BOTANY, John Thomas Howell, steered the Academy's 77-year-old California Botanical Club on a six-day field trip July 15 through 20. The outing was called (tongue-in-cheek) "Trans-Sierran Phytogeographic Expedition" and explored such diverse habitats as the yellow-pine forest on Cow Creek and at Tuolumne Big Trees, timberline groves on Sonora Pass and Minaret Summit, travertine spring near Bridgeport, pumice flats near Mono Craters, juniper and

pinyon woods at Montgomery Pass, flower gardens at Devil's Postpiles, Saddlebag Lake, and Tuolumne Meadows.

Forty persons and 14 vehicles participated in the field trip which accomplished more than 800 miles stretching from sea level to an elevation of some 11,000 feet.

A NOTABLE GIFT to the J. W. Mailliard, Jr. Library was a copy of "The World of Zoos" presented by Mrs. Charlotte Newbegin of San Francisco in memory of Alan Fleishhacker. Published in English this year by Viking Press, the handsome reference volume which is both a survey and a gazetteer was edited by Dr. Rosl Kirchschofer and is worthy of any naturalist's or reader's attention.

And apropos the Library: There is a current need for volunteers who like books, like to work with them and who have a few regular hours each week which they could devote to general library duties. If of such a mind, telephone Ray Brian at 221-5100. He and the library staff will be more than delighted to hear from you.

STEINHART AQUARIUM is celebrating a most unusual blessed event which occurred July 23. On that day, 11 Yucatan coral snakes hatched from 11 eggs for a perfect score, a first such hatching, it is believed, in the U.S. The eggs had been laid 64 days prior and were kept warm and moist in a glass gallon jar. The mother, brightly banded in black, yellow and red, was a gift from Mr. Elkan Morris, a long-term generous Field Associate for the aquarium. The snake had been caught by him in Mexico in the early spring.

Feeding is presenting somewhat of a problem. In their natural state, the young subsist on insect larvae and miniature frogs and lizards among other things —a diet rather hard to come by for Steinhart's staff. However, many dietary avenues are being explored and we feel confident that a solution will be found.

ON JULY 16, Dr. George E. Lindsay, Dr. and Mrs. G Dallas Hanna, Dr. Robert T. Orr and Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Bechtel departed San Francisco for Alaska and specific visits to the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory at Point Barrow and to the Pribilof Islands. The party returned to the Bay Area on July 25.

Dr. Hanna's association with Alaska goes back to 1911. His first job after graduation from college was with the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries which assigned him to the Bristol Bay area of Alaska. In 1912-13 he made an historic trip of a thousand miles by dog sled. Subsequently he had an assignment to the Pribilof Islands until 1920 and has returned there on several occasions over the years. In the summer of 1955 he served as Director of the Arctic Research Laboratory at Point Barrow and the following entire year was spent there as a special investigator.

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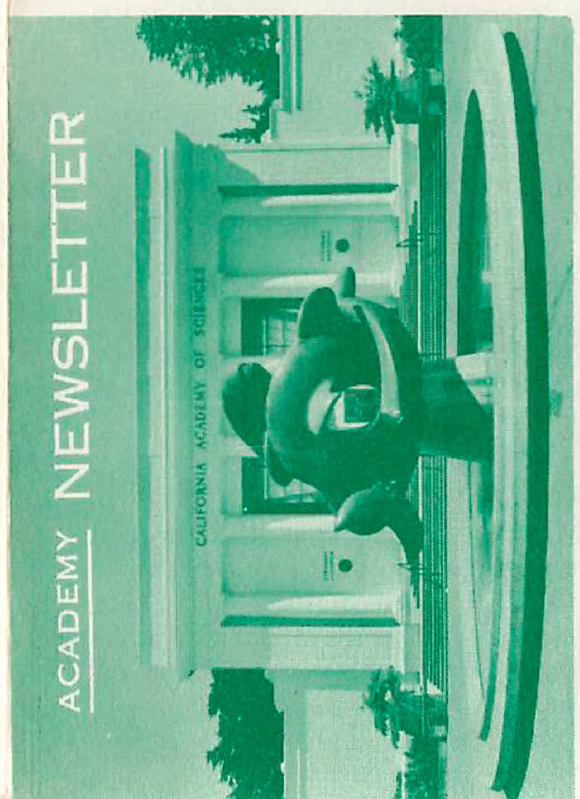

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